promotion to non-conventional sources of energy, protection of consumers' interests etc.

Constitution of Tribunal for Settlement of Inter-state disputes for sharing Hydro-Electric Power

39. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposal for the constitution of Tribunal for settlement of Inter-State disputes for sharing hydro-electric power;

(b) if so, whether Government has plan to form such a Tribunal for speedy settlement of inter-State disputes;

(c) if so, by when the Tribunal would be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration to constitute a Tribunal for the settlement of Inter-State disputes for sharing of Hydro Electric Power amongst states.

Transmission Losses

40. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present the incidence of transmission losses is 15 per cent and theft of power is around 35 per cent;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to bring down the transmission losses to international standard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that theft of power supply is eliminated so that this national wastage no longer happens?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As per the information furnished by CentraJ Electricity Authority (CEA) the average transmission and distribution losses in the country for the year 2002-03 are 32.54% which includes theft of power also.